

Have you flown an airplane around the world? If you answered “yes,” then NAA invites you to become a member of an elite, adventurous group of aviators by applying for the...

FAI Circumnavigator Diploma

What is the FAI Circumnavigator Diploma?

It is a special achievement award for those who have piloted an airplane around the world. Pilots can earn up to four diplomas, depending on the nature of the flights they have made. Diplomas are available for Eastbound, Westbound, Polar, and Nonstop flights.

What if my flight did not set a record?

The Circumnavigator Diploma does not recognize only record setters. While you may naturally associate records with FAI, the Circumnavigator Diploma has been designed to recognize all those who have made the significant achievement of flying an airplane around the world.

What will I receive?

You will receive official recognition of your accomplishment from the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, the international governing body for aviation and space records. FAI will enter your name into the registry of Circumnavigator Diploma holders. In addition, you will receive a handsome certificate—signed by the President of NAA and the Secretary General of FAI.

How do I know if I am eligible and how do I apply?

Certificated pilots who were actively engaged in flying an airplane around the world may apply. The complete rules and official application form can be found in the pages that follow. Mail the completed application form, along with the necessary evidence, to NAA at the address below. Please do not forget to include the \$450.00 application fee plus FAI Surcharge (see current NAA Records Fee Schedule), which is payable by check, money order, or major credit card.

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8th CHAPTER: FAI CIRCUMNAVIGATOR DIPLOMA

8.1 INTRODUCTION

The Circumnavigator Diploma serves to recognize the significant achievements of pilots of powered aerodynes (vehicles governed by Section 2 of the FAI Sporting Code) making around the world flights.

FAI will maintain chronological lists (based on the completion date of the flight) of all diploma holders of each diamond on its website.

8.1.1 Available diamonds

Pilots may obtain only one diploma for each of the four types of flights as follows:

Eastbound

Westbound

Polar

Nonstop

8.2 REQUIREMENTS

8.2.1 GENERAL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

All diploma flights must meet the following requirements:

8.2.1.1 A maximum of twenty control points may be used to satisfy the course distance requirement.

8.2.1.2 The course must return to the start point or within 400 kilometers of the start point.

8.2.1.3 All flights must be completed within 365 days.

8.2.1.4 Applicants must have been onboard the aircraft during the entire flight.

8.2.1.5 The aircraft must be flown under its own power along the course.

8.2.1.6 The same aircraft must be used throughout the flight. The wings and fuselage of the aircraft may not be replaced. However, replacements of the engine and other components are permitted.

8.2.1.7 Only pilots holding a valid FAI Sporting License at the time of the flight and actively engaged in flying the aircraft may obtain the diploma.

8.2.1.8 The diploma may not be awarded posthumously.

8.2.2 DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF EACH DIAMOND

8.2.2.1 Eastbound diamond

The eastbound diamond recognizes around the world flights travelling from west to east.

The following requirements apply:

8.2.2.1.1 The course must be a minimum distance of 27,000 kilometers.

8.2.2.1.2 The course must cross all meridians.

- 8.2.2.1.3 All control points must be in an easterly succession.
- 8.2.2.2 Westbound diamond
The westbound diamond recognizes around the world flights travelling from east to west.
The following requirements apply:
- 8.2.2.2.1 The course must be a minimum distance of 27,000 kilometers.
- 8.2.2.2.2 The course must cross all meridians.
- 8.2.2.2.3 All control points must be in a westerly succession.
- 8.2.2.3 Polar diamond
The polar diamond recognizes around the world flights travelling to both Polar Regions.
The following requirements apply:
- 8.2.2.3.1 The course must be a minimum distance of 34,000 kilometers.
- 8.2.2.3.2 The flight must have been made to a control point north of 75 degrees North latitude and a control point South of 75 degrees South latitude.
- 8.2.2.3.3 All crossings of the equator must be separated by 90-180 degrees of longitude.
- 8.2.2.4 Nonstop diamond
The nonstop diamond recognizes an eastbound, westbound, or polar around the world flight that was made without any intermediate landing.
- 8.2.2.4.1 The following requirements apply:
- 8.2.2.4.2 The flight must meet the general and specific requirements listed above, as appropriate.
- 8.2.2.4.3 The aircraft may not land during the flight. Refueling in flight may not occur.
- 8.2.3 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- 8.2.3.1.1 Only one application may be submitted per flight. The application must include all pilots who qualify for the diploma. Additional copies of the diploma may be purchased from FAI.
- 8.2.3.1.2 Holders of world records for Speed around the World are not required to complete Part IIa (pages 2-3) of the application.
- 8.2.3.1.3 All diploma applications must be submitted to FAI by the NAC that issued the FAI Sporting License to the applicant. Only the prescribed application form found in Section 2, Annex 5, will be accepted.
- 8.2.3.1.4 All evidence submitted must have originated from an independent source. Passengers, pilots, or other persons onboard the flight may not attest to information concerning the flight, unless they were designated as an Official Observer as part of a record attempt and meet all requirements of General Section, Chapter 5. General press accounts and newspaper articles are not acceptable.
- 8.2.3.1.5 All control point evidence must include the following information:
Date
Place
Aircraft Registry
Name of Pilot
- 8.2.3.1.6 Participants of FAI-sanctioned competitions (see Air Racing, paragraph 8.4) may qualify for the diploma based on information supplied to FAI by the event organizer.



FAI CIRCUMNAVIGATOR BADGE APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

Part I – flight crew information

Name of Pilot in Command:		Sex:	
Sporting License No.:		Expiration Date:	Country of issue:
Name(s) of Crew/Copilot(s): <i>(use additional paper if necessary)</i>		Sex:	
Sporting License No.:		Expiration Date:	Country of issue:

Part II – journey/aircraft information

Type of Circumnavigation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastbound	<input type="checkbox"/> Westbound	<input type="checkbox"/> Polar	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-stop
Start Point of Journey (with Identifier):		Date/Time of Start (UTC):		
Finish Point of Journey (with Identifier):		Date/Time of Finish (UTC):		
Distance between Start and Finish, if not the same point:		Total Distance of Journey:		
Longitude of S-N Equator Crossing: <i>(polar flights only)</i>		Longitude of N-S Equator Crossing: <i>(polar flights only)</i>		
Degrees of Longitude between Equatorial Crossings: <i>(polar flights only)</i>		Total Number of Control Points: <i>(must be listed on pages 2 & 3)</i>		
Aircraft Manufacturer:		Aircraft Model:		
Engine Manufacturer:		Engine Model:		
Engine Power Rating:		Number of Engines:		

Part III – claimant/NAC information

Claimant Name:			
Claimant Address:			
Claimant Phone Number:		Claimant E-mail:	
NAC Claiming Achievement:			
Name of NAC Official:		Title:	
We certify that a flight was made, as described above, that qualifies for an FAI Circumnavigator Badge, as set forth in FAI Sporting Code, Section 2, Chapter 9, and hereby apply for the FAI Circumnavigator Badge.			
Claimant Signature:		Date:	
NAC Official Signature:		Date:	



FAI CIRCUMNAVIGATOR BADGE APPLICATION

Part IIa – control points (a maximum of 20 control points may be used to satisfy the course distance requirement.)

Key:

#	Name of Control Point	ICAO Identifier
	Type of documentation showing point was reached (customs form, fuel receipt, race documentation, etc.)	Date Reached (dd/month/yyyy)

1		
2		
3		
4		
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8		
9		
10		

	Distance

Total distance this page: _____

